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MEMORANDUM FOR S/S

In his meeting this afternoon with officers of the Department, the Secretary identified the following decisions which are required soonest:

- 1) Contingency planning on Berlin — paragraph D and the JCS paper enclosed with Secretary McElroy's letter of January 15; and especially the alternatives to these.
- 2) Whether we want to agree to a conference with the Russians on Germany, Europe and Berlin; if so what about, when and who would we agree to have participate.
- 3) What is the role of NATO — civil and military — which we are prepared to accept in all this.

The Secretary is planning to discuss at least 1) with the President, the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Thursday.

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